

LOGISTICS

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ENERGY CONSERVATION

1. When energy conservation measures were initially set by the General Services Administration to implement Presidential directives, winter temperatures were to be maintained no higher than 65° F to 68° F in buildings occupied by Federal agencies. However, the current emphasis on energy conservation is more concerned with the actual amount of energy saved than with rigid compliance with temperature readings. As an example, an obvious energy saving is realized if mechanical cooling is not used in an area where the heat generated by lights and equipment results in a temperature above 68° F.

2. Another significant saving in energy would result if employees adhere strictly to the prohibition against use of portable electric heaters. These heaters, which are both dangerous and particularly wasteful of energy, are expressly prohibited in public buildings unless their use has been approved under stringent criteria relative to justification, type of unit, and electrical circuiting and connections. All exceptions to the prohibition against use of electric heaters must have the concurrence of the Agency Conservation Coordinator.

3. The Director of Logistics is the Agency Conservation Coordinator and is represented in Headquarters Building by the Chief, Headquarters Engineering Branch (HEB), extension [] HEB should be contacted if the temperature in a working area falls below 65° F. In most instances, correctable mechanical problems cause temperature drops below the set minimum.

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